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REPORT

TOPIC Cottbus Airfield

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. Between 25 July and 4 August 1954, the following incomplete observations were made at Cottbus airfield:

25 and 26 July. No aircraft were seen aloft.

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27 July. Between 1000 and 1900, Yak-18s made local flights and formation flights in elements of two. They remained aloft for 20 to 25 minutes and took off and landed individually. All of the aircraft involved had red propeller hubs and white upper edges on their rudder assemblies. The white Nos 2 and 4 were identified. Between 1500 and 1530, 11 Yak-11s and 1 Yak-18 were parked on the landing field.

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28 July. There was intensive air activity by Yak-11s. The sky was 5/10 overcast and visibility was limited to 10 or 15 km. The aircraft took off and landed individually, and made flights in elements of two and formations of three in the vicinity of the field.

29 July. Between 0730 and 1600, the noise of aircraft engines was heard. At 0730, several Yak-18s took off individually and at irregular intervals and continuously made local flights of 8 to 10 minutes duration at altitudes of 300 to 400 meters.

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30 July. Throughout the morning, Yak-11s individually took off and made flights in formations of three and four.

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31 July and 1 August. No air activity was observed.

2 August. No air activity was seen during the morning, while the possibilities of observation were limited. During the afternoon, local flights of 6 to 8 minutes duration were made by Yak-18s.

4 August. Between 0600 and 1100, take-offs and landings were continuously made by Yak-11s some of which made only local flights, while others practiced formation flying in the vicinity of the field. At about 1100, the last aircraft landed and subsequently a briefing was held on the

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landing field. During the afternoon, individual flights by Po-2 biplanes were observed. Around 1100, 6 Yak-18s and 11 Yak-11s were counted at the field. The Yak-11s were marked by red propeller hubs and white numbers. Nos 1, 4 and 11 were identified.

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2. On 3 and 4 August, single-engine aircraft continuously practiced flying in formations of three and four.¹
3. In June, an officers' club of the VPL in the Mommsen Halle in Cottbus was being inaugurated. Performances were held there to which SED Betriebsgruppenleiter (SED factory functionaries) from other state offices were invited.²

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1. Comment. The two battalions of the Cottbus Aeroclub still make practice flights with Yak-11s and Yak-18s.
2. Comment. The Mommsen Halle is located in the northern section of Cottbus, not far from the former training-college for teachers.

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